

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action mailed January 29, 2008. Prior to this response, claims 1-74 were pending. After amending claims 1, 4-5, 8, 10, 12, 36, 40, 43-44, 47, and 49, and canceling claims 3, 7, 38, 42, and 46, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-37, 39-41, 43-45, and 47-74 remain pending.

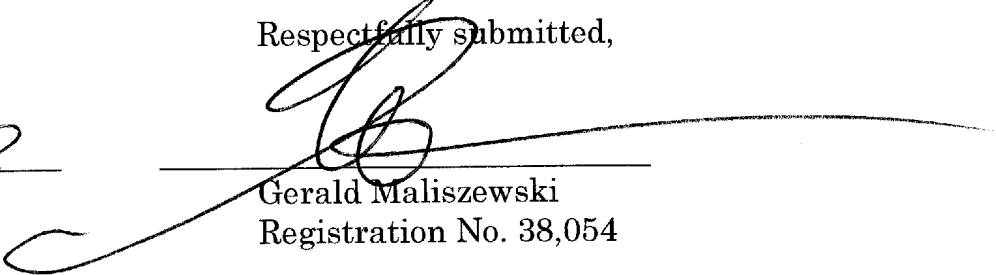
In Section 1 of the Office Action claims 1-6, 13-15, 36, 37, 39-45, and 51-53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as anticipated by Devaney et al. ("Devaney"; US 5,819,035) in view of Kryukov et al. ("Kryukov"; US 7,003,174).

Section 2 of the Office Action states that claims 7-12, 16-35, 38, 46-50, and 54-74 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 7 (now canceled). All claims dependent from claim 1 should now be found allowable. Claim 36 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 38 (now canceled). All claims dependent from claim 38 should now be found allowable. Claim 40 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 42 and 46 (now canceled). All claims dependent from claim 40 should now be found allowable.

The Applicant submits that the recited claims are also allowable with respect to the prior made of record, but not relied upon in the Office Action. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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